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for the advancement of the Latino & Puerto Rican communities

Message from the Chairperson, Ivette Servera



Dear Friends of LPRAC:

I am delighted to greet you in my new role as Chairperson of the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission. The agency has been

able to accomplish a great deal in the past year. We were able to obtain sponsorships for our Gala from corporations that have not participated with the agency in the past. This is a source of celebration for us in that we have been able to attract a larger pool of funding in support of our annual gala as a result. The Gala is fully supported through private donations only. We also recognized a crop of outstanding individuals at our 6th annual Gala which was held on Sat-

urday, October 4, 2003 at the Mohegan Sun.

I wish to thank all the following organizations for so generously sponsoring our Gala this past fall: Telemundo, ING, Fleet Bank, JP Morgan Chase Manhattan Bank, Savings Bank of Manchester's Charitable Foundation, the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority and the Aetna. I wish to extend my thanks also to Ms. Marilda Gandara, President and CEO of the Aetna Foundation for serving as our first honorary chairperson. It was an honor for us to bring the Honorable Judge Alberto Gonzáles, Counsel to the President of the United States to Connecticut as our Keynote Speaker. The gala attracted over 800 Hispanic and non-Hispanic

persons from throughout the state to the Mohegan that evening and it was rewarding for us to see that we are gaining more and more recognition for the agency's work and those individuals we award each year.

We are in the process of preparing our fourth socio economic study on the status of Hispanics in Connecticut and should have it ready for distribution by the summer of 2004. We are also currently participating in the legislative session and LPRAC is testifying on such issues of concern as immigrant licenses, trafficking of women and children, the juvenile justice system among others. Feel free to contact the

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State Boards and Commissions Consultant

Reflecting Connecticut - ¡Reflejando a Connecticut! - a project to increase the representation of people of color and women on state and local boards and commissions, is experiencing tremendous success at the local level in securing appointments. The project has expanded to include 11 municipalities: Bridgeport, Bloomfield, East Granby, East Windsor, Enfield, Hartford, Manchester, New Britain, Waterbury, West Hartford and Windsor. Reflecting Connecticut is a partnership between DemocracyWorks, the African American Affairs Commission, the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission, the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women and the National Conference for Community and Justice, and 22 additional organizations statewide. It gives us great pleasure to welcome Ms. Raquel A. Pacheco

on board. She has been hired by DemocracyWorks as the new Consultant working on the Reflecting Connecticut project. She is enthusiastic about this initiative and is receiving a high level of response from various towns interested in getting involved. A new addition

to the project is a board training component. We invite all individuals and towns to **Get on Board!** For more information please contact Joyce Hamilton at 860-727-1157.

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Message from Executive Director, Fernando Betancourt



Dear Friends:
 I am delighted to inform you on the many, many projects and activities that the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission has been able to develop throughout the past year. Let me begin by thank-

ing each and every one of you for your support in making this most recent Gala our biggest and most successful yet. We entertained over 800 people that evening and we had the opportunity to bring in a national speaker, the Honorable Judge Alberto Gonzáles. The commissioners and staff wish to congratulate the award recipients: Ms. Maria Angeles Hernández Glick, Latina Citizen of the Year; the Honorable Eddie A. Pérez, Hartford's Mayor and Latino Citizen of the Year; the Latin American Student Organization at Central Connecticut State University, Community Service Award; Ms. Jennifer Ivette Torres, Promesa Youth Award; and Mr. Nathan Rodríguez, Promesa Youth Award.

The Commissioners and Staff want to extend their heartfelt thanks to the following corporations and organizations who made a significant monetary contribution to the success of our Sixth Annual Gala: The Savings Bank of Manchester's Charitable Foundation, the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA), Telemundo, Fleet Bank, ING, Aetna and JP Morgan Chase Manhattan

Bank. Without their purchase of our high-end pages, we would not be able to present as elaborate a testimonial to our award recipients. We would be remiss if we did not resoundingly thank those agencies and individuals who, year after year, say "presente" by purchasing advertising in our program book and tables to attend the event. Our community and you are what motivates us to continue to build on prior year successes.

The Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission established new collaborations with such organizations as CHFA, ING, JP Morgan Chase Manhattan Bank and the Savings Bank of Manchester. While all of these organizations generously contributed to the success of the Sixth Annual Gala, one of them is still collaborating with us by sponsoring a number of events throughout this year. CHFA has offered to partner with the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission to offer first time homebuyer seminars throughout the year in various parts of the state. In addition, they have generously offered to sponsor the agency's quarterly newsletter as often as they can throughout this year. We are also working with a collaboration of agencies looking to defend the rights of Hispanic youth who are disproportionately represented in the judicial system.

We have released our "White Paper" on HIV/AIDS findings within the Hispanic community in the State and are currently working on updating our socio economic study on the condition of Hispanics

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IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER

COMMISSION MEETINGS

ARE HELD EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY

OF EACH MONTH AT THE

LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING, SUITE 2600

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

5:30 PM -- 8:00 PM

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED

Tribute to John Martínez - State Representative

By Fernando Betancourt

Honorable John Martínez, State Representative was tragically taken from us on



He was known in his community of New Haven for his work with Latino youth. John was a staunch advocate for the Latino community of Connecticut often lobbying long hours for those acts he felt would have the most impact in the Latino community. He was tenacious about those causes that were near and dear to his heart. He used his keen mind in a diplomatic fashion to achieve an end. He was the head of the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators at the time of his death, an organization that he helped found. He was a very gracious person and could easily win over any audience with his intellect and earthy demeanor.

Spring of 2003 via an episode on "Hispanics Today", a television program they sponsor.

Friends, family, and colleagues pay a special tribute to a fallen hero, a hero who dedicated his life to the service of others. Some knew him as the Democratic State Representative from New Haven, CT. Others knew him as a champion for the rights of fathers. And others just plain knew him as Johnny. But it seems that, no matter the relationship, the impression was the same: "Johnny loved everyone and everyone loved Johnny."

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Friday, October 11, 2002 in a horrific car accident. John was loved by everyone who knew him or had occasion to work with him, be it at the legislative or community level. He was well-known and respected in the legislature by his colleagues rising to the level of Chief Deputy Whip.

John was born and raised in New Haven, Connecticut and his family still resides there. He was engaged to Ms. Mercedes Beltran who will not soon recover from the pain of losing him. The United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce paid tribute to John in the

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

HOME (Health Outreach for Medical Equality), is seeking an **Executive Director**. The pay range is between \$70,000 and \$80,000 per year. Please send a statement of interest and curriculum vitae by mail, **FAX or email by May 24th** to Ms. Esperanza Lesmes, Administration, CCMC, 282 Washington Ave., Hartford CT 06106, phone (860) 545-8566, FAX (860) 545-8558, email ellesmes@ccmckids.org.

The Town of Manchester is recruiting for a Field Services Superintendent in their Public Works Dept. Performs skilled firefighting, emergency medical & rescue work at scene of fire & other emergencies. Required application packet must be obtained from the town's website at **http: hr.ci.manchester.ct.us for an application. Applications Due: Friday, May 21, 2004 EOE**

Charter Oak State College

Looking for an **Associate Director, Bridgeport Education Program**. Starting salary \$54,200 with excellent benefits. Resume and cover letter to Job Searches, Charter Oak State College, 55 Paul Manafort Drive, New Britain, CT 06053-2142 or email to: info@charteroak.edu. **Application deadline is May 20, 2004.**

The Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission maintains a bulletin board with postings received from State and community agencies. Feel free to contact Tersee Flores, Legislative Secretary at 860-240-8330 to learn more.

Special Projects/Activities

*By Lucy Goicoechea-Hernández
Special Projects Director*

The Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission has increased its fundraising capability in support of its annual gala awards banquet. This year, we were able, for the first time to sell all of our high end pages to such generous corporate sponsors as the Savings Bank of Manchester's Charitable Foundation, CHFA, JP Morgan Chase Manhattan Bank, Fleet Bank, ING, Telemundo and the Aetna.

We are starting the nominations process for the 2004 Gala Awards Banquet. If you are registered in our database, you will receive a copy of the nominations package from our office during the week of March 22. The deadline for this year's nominations process is Friday, April 30, 2004. Please share this information with everyone you know and have them submit their candidate names by the deadline as we will not extend the process this year. The categories are: Latina Citizen of the Year, Latino Citizen of the Year, Promesa Youth - Female, Promesa Youth - Male and Community Services. Feel free to call the office at 860-240-8330 if you would like additional information or if you wish to receive a copy of the nominations package. I look forward to your participation.

The agency has been approached, once again, by the US Department of Labor Women's Bureau in order to collaborate with the coordination of a Financial Security Seminar for Hispanic women in the State of Connecticut. We have tentatively scheduled the event for Wednesday, June 16, 2004. Once the arrangements have been finalized, we will post the details on our website which is www.cga.state.ct.us/lprac. Please share this information with your mothers, sisters, cousins, aunts and female friends.

LPRAC will, once again, participate with the Latino Expo at the Hartford Civic Center the weekend of March 20 and 21, 2004. The staff, interns and several of our commissioners will be present on both days. If you are in attendance, please stop by our booth and visit with LPRAC as well as the Puerto

Rican Federal Affairs Administration which will be distributing voter registration information as they did last year.

The Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission will kick off Hispanic Heritage month this year with an exhibit, through the courtesy of the United States Postal Service, on Hispanics highlighted on United States Postage Stamps. The unveiling will take place on September 15, 2004 at the Legislative Office Building. We will also post this event on our website. Please sign on during the summer so that you can make a note of the time for the event.

The Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission will be collaborating with the Hartford Public Schools' Dual Language Two-Day Institute to be held on Thursday and Friday, June 24 and 25, 2004 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Cromwell. Please join us at these and many other events we have planned for this year. Thank you for your support.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB

The Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission's Toastmasters Club meets twice per month at the Legislative Office Building. Since two of its members received awards this past spring, the club has been drawing more and more membership. They have established and continue to provide a "Distinguished Speakers" series which has been met with great success. They have hosted such speakers as the State Treasurer, State Comptroller, State Commissioners and members of the legislature. Please visit our website for more information on membership and contacts if you are interested in participating or call the office and ask for the President's contact information.

Public Information

*By Moraima Gutiérrez
Public Information Officer*



L-R: Councilman Calixto Torres & CALAHE Board Members Wilson Luna, Domingo Arias, Ramón Hernández and Moraima Gutiérrez .

On December 4, 2003 history was made as the Connecticut Association of Latin Americans in Higher Education (CALAHE) Board and members proudly celebrated our new headquarters located at Capital Community College, in Hartford, Connecticut. This event was made possible through the generosity of Dr. Ira H. Rubenzahl, President of Capital Community College and his vision and beliefs towards creating a more diverse College environment and in making the Hispanic community feel truly welcome.

Our event began at 6:00pm with welcoming remarks from the President, Pete Rosa and the Dean of Student Services at Capital Community College, Doris Arrington. Councilman Calixto Torres was also present representing Mayor Eddie Pérez and discussed the precedent that CALAHE has established statewide in promoting access to Hispanics in higher education.

Dr. Wilson Luna also made a scholarship presentation and introduced the 2003 scholarship honorees. An official ribbon cutting ceremony took place as board members and invited guests gathered to cut the ribbon and enter CALAHE's new offices. Refreshments and hor d'oeuvres were served. Two CALAHE board members from the Housing Committee, Moraima Gutiérrez, Chair, and Carlos Figueroa as Co-Chair organized the event. The CALAHE office is located at 950 Main Street, Suite 1104 in Capital Community College's new and beautiful campus. Make it a point to stop by and view the new office!

Legislative Update

By Werner Oyanadel
Associate Legislative Analyst

Hartford, CT – Latino immigrants in Connecticut are negatively impacted by the inability to apply or reapply for safety net services provided under state assistance programs. The budgetary difficulties faced by the State during fiscal year 2003 (FY03) prevented the Legislature from extending the sunset provisions in the Connecticut General Statutes that provided services to immigrants. State services such as State Administered General Assistance (SAGA); State Medical Assistance for Aliens (SMANC); Temporary Family Assistance (TFA); Home Care Programs for seniors, and Food Stamps, have been very important to immigrant families in times of crisis. Research released by the *Office of Fiscal Analysis* indicates that 3,500 legal immigrants were enrolled in these programs in FY03. Their estimates indicate that, if the programs were to be reopened, approximately 235 new enrollees would apply for these services per month at a cost of \$2 million. The Department of Social Services (DSS) reports that 39% of state funded temporary family assistance goes to Latino non-citizens, and 29.2% of state-funded Medicaid cases have at least one Latino adult member. Moreover, the U.S. Census Bureau indicated that in Connecticut the current Latino population reached 10% of the total population, and of the 150,000 new immigrants the majority come from Latin-American countries. Data was not available by ethnicity or citizenship for food stamp recipients. This information indicates that the provision to disallow critical emergency state benefits to immigrants in time of need in Connecticut is disproportionately and unfavorably impacting Latino families.

Fernando Betancourt, Executive Director of LPRAC testified before the *Human Services Committee* of the Connecticut Legislature on March 10th, 2004. Mr. Betancourt urged the members of the committee to restore equal access to public benefits to lawfully permanent residents, "*The restoration of these services* ", Mr. Betancourt said "*will provide benefits to a disenfranchised population, and will allow for fair and equal treatment of all residents in Connecticut.*"

Latino History Corner



LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

**United States Representative
Democrat of California**

*One Hundred Third - One Hundred Seventh Congresses
January 3, 1993 - Present*

Lucille Roybal-Allard was the first Mexican-American woman to be elected to the U.S. Congress. She was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1992 with more than sixty percent of the vote in the general election, and was reelected in 1994 with eighty-one percent of the vote. Lucille Roybal-Allard was born in Boyle Heights, Los Angeles County, California on June 12, 1941. Her father Edward R. Roybal served in the U.S. House of Representatives for thirty years. In 1965 she graduated from California State University in Los Angeles. After working in the field of public relations and as a fund raising executive for the United Way, she was elected in 1986 by a wide margin to the California State Assembly, where she served for three terms.

In the State legislature, Roybal-Allard was a strong advocate for women's rights and for environmental equity. She successfully led a campaign against the location of a toxic-waste incinerator in a low-income area within her district. Her leadership was commended by many groups including the California Sierra Club, which presented her with its first Legislative Environmental Achievement Award, and the California chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW), which named her "Legislator of the Year" in 1991.

In Congress, Roybal Allard represents California's 33rd District, which has the largest Hispanic majority in the nation. Her district also has one of the lowest rates of voter participation, where less than one-fourth of those eligible to vote are registered. As a means of fostering citizenship education and voter participation, she sponsored a bill to allow non-profit, educational organizations to solicit federal funds to conduct citizenship workshops for immigrants and refugees.

Roybal-Allard is regarded as a strong supporter of social legislation, particularly in the fields of jobs, health care, education, housing, women's rights, and the environment. In the 103rd Congress, she served on the Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs Committee; and on the Small Business Committee. In the 104th Congress, she serves on the House Committee on Budget, and on the House Banking and Financial Services Committee, where she has seats on the Housing Subcommittee and the Domestic and International Monetary Policy Subcommittee.

Making the Dream of Homeownership a Reality for Hispanic Families in Connecticut

By Rose Holbrook, CHFA Communications Officer

For most families, the largest significant investment they will make is the purchase of a home. The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) has many affordable, low-interest rate mortgage programs available with downpayment and closing cost assistance loans to make the dream of homeownership a reality.

The Hispanic population in the United States continues to experience explosive growth. Connecticut has become the 25th largest US Hispanic market with estimated population of nearly 400,000 according to the PEW Institute.

In 2003 alone, over 600 Hispanic families became homeowners thanks to CHFA Homebuyer mortgages. CHFA's goal in 2004 is to increase homeownership opportunities for Latino families in Connecticut by 10%. CHFA staff considers this a key and achievable goal.

We have begun an extensive outreach initiative to the Hispanic communities and have created an important partnership with the Latino & Puerto Rican Affairs Commission (LPRAC) and the multi-cultural marketing firm of Tamayo, Miyares & Sherman to help create awareness of CHFA's affordable homebuyer mortgage programs. The firm will identify qualified first-time homebuyers through; homebuyer education programs, fairs and expos, multimedia public relations, advertising and direct marketing initiatives targeted towards Hispanic and other ethnic populations.

CHFA can provide assistance with downpayment and closing costs, which makes our mortgages more attractive to the first-time buyer. Through CHFA's free homebuyer education classes, we provide prospective homebuyer's guidance and information on the home-buying process and one-on-one financial and credit counseling. By providing these resources and tools, the first-time homebuyer is better prepared for homeownership.

Our first Hispanic Partnership Conference was held on March 9, 2004 at the Elmwood Hall Senior Center in Danbury. Over 75 participants enjoyed the event which included Spanish cuisine and music, as well as a time for networking among mortgage banking representatives, attorneys, state representatives and realtors together with staff from CHFA, the Latino & Puerto Rican Affairs Commission and Tamayo, Miyares & Sherman.

The evening opened with a welcome from Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton. Mayor Boughton spoke of the great diversity in his City, noting the large populations from Brazil and Ecuador that have moved to Danbury. He reiterated the necessity of homeownership which creates stable communities in Danbury. Timothy Coppage, VP Housing Development of CHFA and Fernando Betancourt, Executive Director of LPRAC discussed marketing opportunities to reach Hispanic families and educate them on the home buying process. Len Sherman, Partner at Tamayo Miyares & Sherman spoke on effective marketing to Hispanic Community. Moraima Gutierrez, Public Information Officer for LPRAC, noted that the homeownership rate for the Hispanic community is lower than that of other under-represented classes. Lou Bolella, Manager of CHFA's Residential Lending Department expressed the importance of mortgage lenders and brokers becoming CHFA participating lenders. Lenders can originate loans either as a direct participating lender or as a correspondent lender sponsored by a current CHFA Participating Lender.

CHFA and the Latino & Puerto Rican Affairs Commission would like to thank the sponsors of the Hispanic Partnership Conference. Without their support, this event could not have taken place:

Countrywide Home Loans
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Millenium Mortgage

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Union Savings Bank
First World Mortgage
Fairfield County Bank
Yamin & Yamin Real Estate Lawyers

Homestead Funding
Webster Bank
McCue Mortgage
Fleet Bank Mortgage



Timothy Coppage, Vice President for Housing Development at CHFA addresses audience at the March 9, 2004 lenders conference.



Fernando Betancourt, Exec Dir. of the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission delivers his address.

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Executive Director's Letter

in the State. The fourth such study will be available in the summer of 2004. We have begun the preparations for our third Latino Leadership Summit to be held in December 2004 at the Farmington Marriott in conjunction with Leadership Greater Hartford, the Latino Leadership Development Network, and the Connecticut Association of Latin Americans in Higher Education.

We have been working in collabora-

tion with DemocracyWorks and the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, the African American Affairs Commission and the National Conference for Community and Justice in helping to ensure diversity on appointments to state boards and commissions, municipal boards and commissions, non-profit boards and commissions and in the not too distant future and in collaboration with the

State Treasurer, corporate boards as well. We are looking for people who wish to form part of any of these boards and ask that you visit our website and download the form to register yourself for our Talent Bank. If you cannot gain access through the website, feel free to contact the office at 860-240-8330 and a form will be mailed out to you promptly. This initiative has just hired its first Consultant and I wish to welcome Ms. Raquel Pacheco on board.

Finally, I wish to end on a very proud exciting note! It is an honor for me to congratulate our Special Projects Director, Ms. Lucy Goicoechea-Hernández on being selected a 2003 Toll Fellow for the Council of State Governments. I wish you to also join me in congratulating Mr. Werner Oyanadel who has been promoted to Associate Legislative Analyst. Thank you once again for your continued support and I look forward to seeing many of you at our numerous activities throughout this exciting new year.

Hasta la Próxima,

Fernando Betancourt



Fernando and a Student
from the Dwight Elementary
School in Hartford

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Letter from the Chairperson

agency if you are interested in the full list of legislation we are supporting or if you wish to testify on any of the bills we are supporting. The agency is participating with a group that is working towards advocating on behalf of Hispanic youth who have come in contact with the judicial system in Connecticut.

We will once again partner up with the Hartford Public Schools in order to assist with the fourth annual Dual Language Two-Day Institute which will be held at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Cromwell on June 24 and 25, 2004. This is the fourth year we have collaborated with the Hartford Public Schools in bringing this event to Connecticut. Please mark your calendars and participate in this exciting offering.

The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority has generously offered to provide first time homebuyer seminars in collaboration with the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission throughout the Hispanic community in Connecticut. They have also generously offered to sponsor our newsletter on a case by case basis during 2004. The Department of Labor Women's Bureau has joined forces with our agency

and the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to present a financial security one day seminar for Hispanic women during the summer of 2004. In addition, we will be collaborating with Leadership Greater Hartford, the Connecticut Association of Latin Americans in Higher Education and the Latino Leadership Development Network in holding the third annual Latino Leadership Summit in December of 2004.

As you will note, the agency is continuing to grow and prosper despite the challenging year we faced in the past legislative session. We welcome your comments and look forward to the community's participation in many of the events and activities that we have

planned for the rest of the year. Please visit our website at www.cga.state.ct.us/lprac often for updates on upcoming events and activities as well as news, information and links to informative Hispanic websites local and throughout the United States. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to your participation in our many offerings this year and beyond.

Cordially,

Ivette Servera

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Making the Dream of Homeownership a Reality

With interest rates at all-time lows, CHFA's Homebuyer Mortgage Program loans are available at the rate of 4.75%* (APR 4.85 – 5.25%). All loans offer a fixed rate with a 30-year term. Generally CHFA charges 1 point, 1% of what is borrowed. Downpayment and closing cost assistance loans are available at the same rate as the mortgage program chosen and may be as low as 1% (APR 1.1%) depending on income. **(Interest rates can change weekly. Visit www.chfa.org for current rate information or call the CHFA 24-hour rate line at (860) 571-3571.)*

The reality of homeownership is within reach for all families in Connecticut! Through our partnership with the Latino & Puerto Rican Affairs Commission and Tamayo, Miyares & Sherman, CHFA looks forward to opening the door to homeownership to all of Connecticut's residents.



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June 16, 2004

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The Radisson in Cromwell

For more information, please visit our website at
www.cga.state.ct.us/lprac.

THE LATINO & PUERTO RICAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION Events

LPRAC'S 7TH Annual Gala Awards

Reserve your Table Today

Saturday, October 2, 2004

The Mohegan Sun

For More Information, Please contact:
The LPRAC Office at 860-240-8330



Little Known Facts

Franklin R. Chang-Díaz , Astronaut

Costa Rican American - Born 1950

Raised in a poor family in Costa Rica, Franklin Chang-Díaz studied hard to become a scientist. He also became a U.S. citizen. Chang-Díaz was the first Hispanic person to enter the space program, becoming an astronaut in 1981. He is a veteran of six space missions and has spent nearly 1,300 hours in space.

LPRAC's newsletter is published quarterly. Comments and questions may be sent to:
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